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RESULTS IN ELECTIONS HELD DURING WEEK

Govt. Loses in Peterboro

PETERBOROUGH, Ont.—J. H. Burnham, "a stormy petrel" in the House of Commons for many years, went down to defeat in a by-election held here, caused by his own determination to test the feeling of the electorate. G. N. Gordon, Liberal, was elected by 1300 majority over Dennis, Conservative. The spirit in the party caused by Burnham running as independent, undoubtedly resulted in the defeat of the government candidate. Campbell, U.P.O., standard bearer, finished just inside the money, while Burnham and the Labor candidates were "also ran." The official figures are:

Gordor, Liberal	3,084
Dennis, Conservative	3,207
Campbell, U.P.O.	2,423
Burnham, Ind.	2,416
McMurray, Labor	975

Norris Candidate Elected

WINNIPEG, Feb. 9—Following a sharp ten-day campaign, Hon. C. D. McPherson, provincial minister of public works, Monday, was re-elected to the Manitoba legislature for the rural constituency of Lakeside. The by-election was necessitated by Mr. McPherson's removal to a position in the Norris cabinet in succession to Hon. G. A. Grierson, who resigned because of ill-health. McPherson had a majority of 100, with one poll missing which will not materially affect the figures. His opponent was E. H. Muir, who ran as an independent farmer with the endorsement of the farmers in the legislature and with the active support in the campaign of W. W. Morris, leader of that group and several of his followers. Muir was not endorsed by the United Farmers of Manitoba. In the election, which ended last evening with the same candidates in the lead, Mr. McPherson defeated Muir by twenty-six majority. Premier Norris and some of his ministers spoke in the riding in behalf of the government candidate.

"UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR FORECASTING OF WEATHER"

CALGARY.—It is utterly impossible to forecast weather conditions with accuracy for particular localities 24 hours in advance, declared Prof. Kilmam, of Alberta University, in a lecture on "Climate and Weather Conditions" at the labor temple on Saturday night. He admitted that a general forecast might be made by close study of atmospheric conditions. Neither Foster nor any other man or group of men could predict conditions for a month in advance, and attempts to do so were largely guess-work, said the speaker.

There are now in storage in the United States 996,000,000 pounds of wool, enough for two years' supply.

BROOKS AND BASSANO CURLERS HAVE CONTEST

Four ranks of Brooks curlers visited Bassano last Thursday and won two games out of four against local ranks. In the total number of points the visitors were away ahead, the figures being 55 to 33. McCaughey beat Purcell and McLaws was a close victory over Macadam by one point. Nucupage easily defeated Harry Ford and McNab was away ahead of McCellan. The Brooks curlers showed more experience in their play and taught the locals something about the art of sweeping.

After the game a banquet was tendered the visitors in Fair's restaurant, about fifty gathering around the banquet board. A sumptuous spread was partaken of and afterwards a series of speeches made. E. H. McCaughey was chairman for the occasion. The Brooks boys expressed their appreciation of the excellent time given them, and also their admiration of the splendid Bassano curling rink.

Trophy Donated

During the evening E. F. Purcell

Travis Is Still After Canines

COUN. GEO. TRAVIS is still on the warpath after the stray dogs that clutter up the town streets. The town council had a few minutes to spare on Monday night and discussed the matter Travis had pronounced on the Bassano canines. It is very evident that the female of the species falls to a greater extent under the ban and it would be well in future for the owners of lady dogs to keep them "at home." A full-blooded toner that maintained a midnight chorus in the northwest quarter of the town the other night is not very popular. In fact, Coun. Travis believes the pound should be kept filled with nondescript and tagless curs. "Will a pound hold a dog?" enquired Coun. Playfair, amid laughter.

The Markets

(From Calgary Market Examiner)

CATTLE.—An average half-dollar loss at Calgary due to poor demand and many feeders using casters as feeders at \$7.50. Choice steers, \$6.75-\$7.50; medium, \$6.00-\$6.75; good, \$5.50-\$6.00. Choice cows, \$4.75-\$5.00. Feeders buying steers that run up to 1,000 pounds at \$7.50; stockers, \$6.25 down. Stock cows and heifers, \$4.00-\$5.75.

In connection with the agitation which has been carried on for the removal of the embargo against cattle in Great Britain, it is pleasing to know that a special cable had passed from government officials that the importation of cattle had been converted to the country admitting our cattle and it was believed we announced to that effect.

Receipts at Calgary yards light, \$1.25; medium, \$1.50; heavy, \$1.75; fat, \$2.00. Wednesdays, \$1.25 down.

HOGS.—Market stronger at Calgary this week, and Thursday sales at \$1.25-\$15.50. The sales today were at \$1.50.

HORSES.—Auctions will show horses mounting at very moderate prices and demand only indicates limited interest.

PRODUCE.—Eggs daily showing reductions and Calgary dealers now getting American and B.C. eggs for export. Eggs for export, \$1.00 per dozen about the same for Alberta; standards and pullets; prices expected to go lower. Dairy butter still dragging, a dime more off grades having gone down, but a table butter, \$1.25; standard, \$1.25; cream, \$1.25.

Creamery butter.—Steady with little good quality on hand. Cream and milk unchanged.

Poultry.—With fowl and chicken 18¢ each dressed; 25¢ each; storage fowl, 25¢ each; Potates dug and buyers say.

SAVINGS.—Timothy offered at country points \$18.00-\$20.00; upland \$10.00-\$15.00; upland, city market, \$17.00-\$20.00 green; \$16.00-\$18.00; oats, \$10.00-\$12.00; at city market.

HIDES.—No improvement with beef hides still 33¢c. No buying

A WINTER DAY IN VANCOUVER



PROSPECTS ARE FOR AN INCREASE IN MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES IN 1921

The School Board Starts Out With Fifty Per Cent Increase in Estimated Expenditure--Council Holds Five-Hour Session

A five-hour session on Monday evening heralded the approach of the estimates for the current year, and that the figures were not definitely fixed.

It is very apparent, however, that the expenditure will be considerably more than last year and a cut in the tax rate will be an utter impossibility. The increase of fifty per cent in the school estimates alone will prevent any reduction of the tax rate.

The cost of education for 1921 will be \$15,000.

Not satisfied with this and the council expressed willingness to submit further affidavits to substantiate the town's claim.

The council considered action in regard to a alleged shortage of feed grain.

The standpipe is in fair condition but needs a coat of paint and small repairs.

There were 27 main pipe breaks during the year.

The total number of services supplied at Dec. 31, 1920 was 65.

The fire hydrants are in good condition. Fewer sewer connections have been made during the year. The sewage disposal plant is working satisfactorily.

With regard to public works, very little mud work was done during the year.

On the other hand, in fair condition but underpinning is in most cases rotten.

The cemetery has had some repair to fence and gates. A revision of general repairs was recommended.

General repairs were made to incinerator and a back-preserved for erection of new stack.

The engineer submitted a further report containing recommendation for repairs to pump house, also recommending the placing of a light in front of firehall. He also informed the council that the United Electric Co. had installed a meter on the line to the pumphouse and it cost \$1.30 to pump 1,000 gallons.

As a higher efficiency is obtained by running the pump full load and for less hours such was done and the cost reduced to \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons, the pumping being done from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

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The report was referred to the appropriate committee for action.

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The finance committee was selected to engage in the proposal.

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U. F. A. CANDIDATES WILL CONTEST BOW VALLEY

The members of Bassano local of the U.F.A. decided to support the stand taken by Newell local and ask the legislation to amend the Domestic Animals Act limiting the stock running on enclosed areas to 100 per quarter section, so as to prevent cattle scratching in the enclosed areas even though accompanied by a herder. This act at present leaves this loophole which has been taken advantage of.

The meeting listened to reports from the provincial convention delivered by John Cline and Ben Plumer and also to a report on the Bow

River constituency political convention delivered by R. W. Poole. Mr. Cline and Mr. Plumer reported that the matter of the wheat pool had been left to the board of directors to draw up a final contract and arrange details. Mr. Poole reported that the Bow River riding would be contested by farmers candidates in both federal and provincial elections.

The Bassano local took steps to locate in permanent headquarters and appointed John Cline, A. V. Maurer and B. Plumer a committee to go into the matter of locating such quarters.

ALFALFA HISTORY

By Don H. Bark

The plant which is now called alfalfa is generally believed to have originated in Asia and the records of its cultivation and utilization date back thousands of years to even before the Christian era. The fact that the early Romans and Greeks cultivated this plant over two thousand years ago can be no doubt as the early records of the Romans are quite vague. The historians are quite agreed that it was introduced into America soon after settlement began probably early in the seventeenth century.

Today's point to the fact that it was introduced into the eastern United States as well as into southern California by the Spanish colonists. That which was turned into the eastern United States did not persist on account of lack of soil and climatic conditions, but those which were introduced into the western coast under similar conditions was apparently very successful from the time of its original introduction.

All historians and agricultural investigators agree that the plant originated in a very mild climate and requires many warm sunny days to ripen. Its growth is rapid and it is natural to expect, therefore, that attempts to adapt a plant to very cold rigorous climates that has been grown for fifty the first two thousand years of history under more mild climatic conditions, that considerable difficulty experienced from winter-killing on account of the plants not having been able to rapidly to accommodate themselves to the abrupt change in their environment.

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School Board Meeting

The school board held a special meeting on Monday afternoon to consider the closing of the school annex by R. H. Struthers, who desired to have the school removed with the board.

After great discussion, an arrangement was arrived whereby the board agreed to pay Mr. Struthers \$64 for two stoves in the school, maintain, and pay \$60 per month rent to the Royal Bank of Canada, owners of the building. This arrangement is dependent on acceptance by the owners.

Advertising Viewpoint

The advertising manager of The Delco Light Company has some ideas on advertising that will startle many business men. He says advertising is not selling merchandise but buying good will and confidence from the public. He maintains that the man who plans advertising for his business need not care whether he sells or not, as long as he is advertising for the public welfare.

He says: We look upon advertising as an accumulative effect and we have in mind the reputation of the big man. Were you to take it from us, it will be to fifteen years to build character and ability to recognize the value of your product and to make it known.

Alberta Men Are Delco Prizewinners

The following Telegram has been received by Roy Smith, Local Agent for the Delco Light System.

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 17, 1921

Bruce Robinson Distributors Ltd., 207 8th Avenue West, Calgary, Alberta.

We send you our hearty congratulations on province of Alberta leading in sales of Delco lights for six months consecutive with one hundred forty-eight thousand per cent thus winning silver loving cup and thousand and dollar prize. The Canadian division leads all other divisions in size and number of units produced three times the size of the Delco Light Co.

This surely speaks well for Alberta as it means we have led the world for the last six months of 1920. This is the result of hard work and honest labor.

Our thanks are expressed to the experimental plant, building supplies etc., for their help in this work.

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In 1892

We first offered the public our

"SALADA"

TEA

Millions now use it to their utmost satisfaction.

Women's Corner.

A FEW RAMBLING REMARKS
BY A PRAIRIE WOMAN

In this country of hard work and ambition where everyone is so anxious to get ahead and make headway in life, and where there are such opportunities, I sometimes think we are inclined to overlook some of the finer qualities of the heart, such as love, sympathy, considerateness, etc., the struggle for existence we begin to think that these things are rather "weaknesses than virtues." For instance, a minister's wife once said to me, "People seem so anxious to get ahead, that they don't have time for anything else." I replied, "I had a case of a poor family in our church; the man had been out of work and the woman had four little children, there were seven straits, so I went to a number of women in the congregation to enlist their sympathy, and was astounded at the coldness of their response. Oh, some of them sympathized, but said that the man made no effort, and that the impetus to work which the softness and sunniness of a blander climate could not do. And speaking of loverly qualities, I may say, that the world has lost the opportunity to make money, and that the woman should put her shoulder to the wheel and prevent them from going further down the grade. Why, said one woman, if you want to make money, you are not as well off as we are now, I had three children, no money coming in, did not wait for a subscription, nor did I wait for help, but did what we managed!" She set her lips firmly and that was the end of it to her. "She managed," and others did the same. "I am glad to see help from her was concerned. That was her attitude," remarked the minister's wife.

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It seems to me a pity if the trials and hardships of life should make a callous heart, or softer feelings of love and compassion which should be at the bottom of every true woman's heart. If suffering brings to us realization, then we are to be pitied by others and to desire to relieve others, the world were indeed a sunless and hopeless place. Let us not allow the difficulties of life to close our hearts and bring us into the struggle of others who may be weaker than we and not so well equipped for the battle. Perhaps we have endured, suffered, and come through, but still other who are called upon to go through the same slough of despond and suffering

Prairie Woman is desirous of receiving letters from all women interested in this page. She is the older sister of the younger, and her dress will be more like that of the other. Higher hair dressing also will be the vogue for older women. Earrings in hoop and pendant effects will be favored.

Get Our Free Book

"What the Farmer can do with Concrete"

Absolute cleanliness—a prime essential where milk is handled—is assured by the use of Concrete. It is easy to wash and keep clean—sanitary—will not stick to the hands or clothes, nor cold in winter. No cracks to harbor germs or dirt. No openings for rats. Concrete is permanent and fire-proof, requiring no painting or repainting, cannot be deloused.

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Victoria, British Columbia

1 car Lubricating Oils just in. 40 days Sale now on.

Horse Still a Factor

Motive power has largely invaded the provinces of the horse, but the animal still lives and thrives and still has its widespread usefulness. The great war had its devastating influence on the horse and also developed the value of machinery in place. But experience has proven that there are still many uses which the horse can be better applied than motor or steam power. When the war came, the horse was subject to public service, it enjoyed great popularity, became a factor. When the horses became a factor, the government called an all-out search. When the automobile, and later, the tractor appeared, the horse was to vanish, but he maintained his ground. His numbers are not decreasing, to be sure, but he is gradually being overtaken by the popular breed. Breeding stations are being established and every effort is being made to maintain the purebred type. Saskatchewan's census in winter, 1919, showed an international stock of 81,000. Chicago is an evidence of the marked success that has been met with in Canada. But the West is not alone in the search of horse improvement and development. That the French-Canadian horse there is probably no

breed that is more hardy or especially useful. The French Canadian Horse Breeders' Association has long been in affiliation for record purposes with the National Live Stock Board as Ontario, and the last two years that association has turned over to the Dominion Department of Agriculture for twenty years a farm of five hundred acres at St. Joseph, Que., to be maintained for the breeding of the particular type of horse. There are at present 67 French Canadian horses on the farm, all descendants of some great stallions at some of the most prominent fairs in Quebec and in each instance first prizes and championships were won. The December number of the *Yardbird Gazette* gives the names of all the leading stallions and geldings, all held down at the work that is being done at the recently acquired French Canadian horse breeding farm.

China, with ten thousand miles of road, has nearly half the railway mileage of the Orient.

Calgary city council is imposing a business tax of ten per cent. on rentals. If a man pays \$800 a month for rent for his store, he has to pay a tax of \$40 to the city. Merchants are protesting.

HAVE YOU TASTED Fread's Famous Hand Rolled Chocolates

We Sell Them

Miss Simpson, Druggist
BASSANO ALBERTA

The City Meat Market

YOU'RE WELCOME HERE!

By giving you the best service possible, we endeavor to gain and hold our customers patronage. We have the best in Meats, Fish, Poultry, etc.
and invite your business

J. E. Bolton. Bassano

JUST A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR WATCHES

We carry a dandy range of these from a low priced Ingersoll to the railroad grades.

Our prices are the lowest

The Powers Optical & Jewelry Co.
Permanent address, BASSANO



HE WILL COME RIGHT IN
to dinner or supper if a stick or something else that tickled me to part of the meal. The delicious fragrance will draw him to the dining room like a magnet draws a needle. And the juicy, tender taste will make him wish he had twice the appetite he has. Think you must pay more for such meat? Not a bit of it. Our prices are as low as any.

Home Dressed Meat Market
E. G. HOLLY, Manager

Bassano Alberta

The Bassano Mail

\$2.00 a Year. \$2.50 to
Leonard D. Nesbit, Publisher

Let O.P.R. Help

The untaxed land owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway in this district is largely responsible for the lack of better roads. What roadwork has been done has been financed by the provincial government. The C. P. R. is thus to a large extent responsible for very poor roads in the district. If proper municipal districts were formed by the farmers the company would be approached for assistance in bettering roads. In any event a considerable area of this land becomes taxable in the near future and it would be well to find out definitely when this occurs. It is high time that the big railway company was bearing at least a small share of taxation.

Communication

Lethbridge, Feb. 8th, 1921
Dear Editor:

In one of your recent issues a correspondent made the remark that Silina was packing old history around in a suitcase, which I think was a very unnecessary thing to say. The correspondent may have meant it for a joke, but it appeared to be a slur without the slightest doubt. This has given a number of people the wrong impression and I think making little of a fellow's reputation. The correspondent should have thought of this before sending in such nonsensical news. Hoping that in future your correspondents items will be put in such a way as not to lead the people to believe wrong.

I am Yours truly,
Slim.

Inspiration From A Nova Scotian

Out in Alberta we sometimes look upon Nova Scotia as being in the east, but there are some live wires there all the same. There are many merchants and business men who can learn something from a Nova Scotian's experience. Mr. Weaver is a Kentville merchant who started in business ten years ago with \$25 and has now one of the best country businesses in Nova Scotia. Hear what he has to say about advertising.

"The newspapers get my money for just one purpose and that is to bring business to my store. I am not impressed with the argument that it is any merchant's duty to support the local newspaper. If I believe this to be true I think I would make the publisher a direct contribution and let it go at that. I prefer to consider the local newspaper as a business institution, able to render me a distinct service in a business-like way, for which I should pay what such service is worth rather than look upon the publisher as an object of charity and myself as a Lord Bound. In any case, I do not devote my money to the Kentville paper. I spend money with them week after week, but it pays me to do so and I would not do it otherwise."

"While my advertising pays me I do not give the newspaper all the credit for that fact, and if my advertising did not pay me I do not think I would blame the newspaper entirely. What I buy from the newspapers is to be used in telling their subscribers about my store and my merchandise. The way I use that space is what counts most in getting results or failing to get them. I cannot

expect newspaper readers to come in and buy my goods unless they believe that what I have to sell is what they should buy, and that they will receive fair value for their money. The constant object of my advertising is to cause them to believe these things, and just to the extent to which I can over these two ideas, I know my advertising will be successful. All I ask of the newspaper publisher is that he carry my message to a certain number of people, and that he prevent it typographically the way I want it presented. That is the extent of his responsibility, and the rest of it is mine."

The Nova Scotian who wrote the above has a common sense viewpoint on advertising. The Bassano Mail offers local merchants an efficient advertising medium in which to advertise. There is no manner of more imporance nowadays than advertising. Give your advertisements the attention they deserve and the publisher will give all the assistance in his power.

Alfalfa History

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original importation of seed. The United States Department of Agriculture then took up the work and began to thoroughly investigate this strain of alfalfa, its probable origin, breeding history, cold resistance, availability of seed supply, etc. They soon convinced themselves that this was one of the very first strains to become well adapted to cold rigorous climates. After their investigation had been carried on long enough, the department, in cooperation with the subject and the department, a whole branch was passing the production and distribution of this strain of seed for the past fifteen years prior to when this article was written.

Grimm alfalfa seed, prior to the recognition of the value of the strain, was naturally not on the market. The United States Department of Agriculture and other experiment stations and workers to demonstrate the value of this seed after the war was first brought to their attention. During the period of this investigation it was found that the strain of Grimm alfalfa was not extended rapidly at all. When the various agricultural investigators had definitely determined the value of Grimm alfalfa and were ready to advocate it, the supply of premium seed was very limited indeed, and the demand exceeded it. It naturally grew very slowly for quite a period of years. When the recognition of the value of this strain finally became general, there occurred a great demand for this strain. There was naturally not enough to supply the demand which had resulted in a great amount of substitution and deception in connection with it. The result of this stampede will also affect Grimm alfalfa when the strain they are producing has no relation or resemblance whatever to Grimm strain.

The Grimm strain of alfalfa seems to have quite accidentally been selected and adopted for cold climates from the outset. Agricultural investigators have now definitely established the fact that the original strain brought by Grimm from Germany originated from an accidental cross between common people's alfalfa and yellow-flowered wild Siberian alfalfa which is and always has been the most Hardy alfalfa known.

Fortunately the strain resulting from this cross is very hardy and has the qualities of both parents. The Grimm strain contains in its seeds the fiber which the breeders could not help but produce an alfalfa of most unusual hardness and one which present day breeders and investigators have as yet been unable to improve upon in equal measure.

The seed of Grimm alfalfa is exactly like most other cultivated varieties and positively cannot be distinguished from them by anyone. The inability to identify Grimm seed is that of other strains has led to much confusion and many unscrupulous and intentional substitutions in connection with it. Some writers claim to be able to distinguish Grimm alfalfa from other strains, but when you see it growing in the field but the difference between Grimm and other strains is so slight that it is impossible for the ordinary individual to differentiate between them. The Grimm strain, when in full bloom, and even when dried, experts are not absolutely sure.

the common strains of alfalfa and in the color and shape of the bloom and in the type of the root system. The Grimm being a cross between a pale yellow-flowered variety and the old fashioned purple-flowered variety which has what is called a "purple-veined" white, with shades of pink, violet and smoky colored blooms to the old fashioned purple-flowered common alfalfa. Even with Grimm, however, the predominating color of the bloom is still purple, the same as that of the common alfalfa. This purple color, however, requires a much harder climate to be particularly noticeable where fields of both of the common strain and of the Grimm can be found in full bloom growing along side one another. The best test of a variegated bloom, however, is to take a piece of the Grimm seed and plant it in the ground. If it grows, it is Grimm. It is certain that it is difficult indeed to positively identify Grimm alfalfa from that of any other strain. The only sure way of procuring Grimm seed is to go to the Grimm farm in Carver county, Minnesota, through records much the same as are used in connection with pure bred livestock.

when one or more of the branched roots kill the smaller, younger lateral roots enough to maintain vigor in the crown and that portion of the plant above ground.

Grimm alfalfa has also another valuable characteristic, that of being more dormant earlier in the fall than other strains being less hardy therefore by the late fall and early winter freezes to the common strains of other strains and the very strains which tend to grow luxuriantly as late in the season as winter comes will perish.

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Actual clearance of domestic wheat including flour from July to Jan. 31, will total 235 million bushels, the largest on record. Additional quantities will be sold but not shipped. It is believed that European countries are now drawing upon our normal reserves. As to rise in price in Canada will depend on the amount of credit that foreign countries can obtain in U.S. Call and see our Plan Book

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Countess News

The dance at Burns Brae school house Friday evening was a decided success. A good crowd turned out in spite of the inclement weather. As no one left until six in the morning we will say it was a satisfied crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Burrows spent Sunday in Galt; with Mrs. Burrows.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferguson were here Saturday evening to attend the dance Friday evening.

Mr. Sam Henderson was taken to the Bassano Hospital for treatment last week.

In the near future a Community Club House will be built here. It will be 24 x 50 and a real credit to the community. The people of the vicinity have offered their services to build it.

There will be a U.S.A. meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Heida Friday, Feb. 11th in the evening. This will be a very interesting meeting. Mr. Earl Book of Passano will make a talk.

There will be a boy social and dance at the Burns Brae school house Friday night, Feb. 18th. Ladies please bring boxes. All are welcome. There will be good music and a good time. The proceeds go toward a Scholarship fund given by the Women's Institute of the BASSANO district.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderkinder and children will soon be leaving for the East where they will make their home with Mr. Vanderkinder's parents. We regret very much to have them leave Countess and hope to see them back some day.

Born

Robins n—On Feb. 4th to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Robinson, of Countess, a daughter.

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Crowfoot News

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Deewer who left for their former home in Oakland, Calif., last summer will be pleased to hear that the both are well and happy. "Canada still sounds good to me," and she would be glad to return if Mrs. Deewer's health would permit.

Some of our young men are making numerous trips to Calgary, presumably, "on business."

Mrs. Henry D. Edmonds who was recently appointed Secy. of the Entertainment Committee, has been particularly demonstrating that she is the right person in the right place, and is already formulating plans to keep us entertained.

Despite the deep snow, our school attendance is very good.

Friday eve we particularly enjoyed the program put on by the students.

A few of the Latheon people are having a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ross on the night of Feb. 5th.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Salmon gave a

card party at their home here on the night of Feb. 8th. Five hundred

was played and a splendid lunch served.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Hoffmann

were the hosts.

Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Miss Dorothy Powell is spending

a few days with her relations.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Powell

Lathom News

A. Todd has severed his connections with the railroad contractors of the north and is now working for the Irrigation Dept. here. We are pleased to announce his engagement and hope to see a most successful wedding here at Lathom before long. Good luck to you Alex. Go to it.

A few of the Latheon people planned to give Mr. and Mrs. Percy Penny a surprise on the night of Saturday last. They leaked out and the surprises got the surprise when they found Mrs. Penny waiting for them. Five hundred was played and a splendid lunch served.

Mr. Edmonds had a splendid time.

Mr. Wurst, our storekeeper here and one of western Canada's old timers says it must be going to be an early spring as he saw the first gopher out on Feb. 8th. Watch Latheon grow!

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Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Chris Nielsen, who died on the 21st day of April 1920, are required to file with the undersigned by the 10th day of March 1921, a full statement, duly verified, of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the Public Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been brought to its knowledge.

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The PERSONAL SIDE

PROMINENT WESTERN CHARACTERS—SOME
INTERESTING ANECDOTES OF PEOPLE
WE ALL KNOW

THE EARLS OF MINTO—FATHER AND SON

All the world loves a romance and many people throughout the Dominion of Canada have been interested in the marriage of the debonair young Earl of Minto to a beautiful young Canadian girl, which took place a few days ago at Montreal.

It was quite the social event of the season. The Governor General was present and one of his daughters was a bridegroom. An aristocratic Scotchman, a nephew of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Balfour, was the groomsmen, and the elite of Canadian society witnessed the ceremony.

Lord Minto has been ranching in Alberta for some time. He has a fine place, not far from the old Bedfording ridge in the famous High River country, which was bought last year by the Prince of Wales. He has the family love for horses, guns and the out doors. He is a fine, handsome, manly young fellow, and his marriage is said to be the culmination of a love affair which commenced when he was a lad living in Ottawa with his father, who at that time was Governor General of Canada.

The bride is a Catholic, and although mixed marriages are frowned upon by the church, Lord Minto has succeeded in overcoming the difficulties, and the ceremony was performed, according to the ritual of Rome.

Lord Minto is the head of the Elliots, an ancient border clan which, in the days of the old moss troopers held their own inviolate against English invaders, and sometimes conducted little wars on their own account against the other Scottish border clans like the Kerrs, the Scots and the Rutherfords. The motto of the family is a somewhat defiant one. It is "Wha' dare meddle with me," and is a fine expression of the fighting spirit which has distinguished the Elliots from time immemorial.

His ancestors have risen high in the service of the state. There were soldiers and admirals, and great administrators amongst them. His father, the late Earl of Minto, was unquestionably the most popular Governor General ever sent from the Old Country to Canada. He was a soldier, a splendid sportsman. As a young man he participated in many of the campaigns carried on by Britain in remote portions of the world. As a newspaper correspondent he was present at the battle of the Culloden which disturbed the mountainous region of Spain in the late sixties; he fought with the Turkish army in the war with Russia in 1877; and was with Lord Roberts in the Afghan war. He was military secretary to Lord Lansdowne when he was Governor General of Canada, and as Viscount Melgund took an active part on General Middleton's staff in the North West rebellion of 1885. After his tenure of office as Governor General of Canada he returned to England, and was appointed to the most splendid pro-consulship in the gift of the British Empire, that of Viceroy of India.

But it was as a man and a sportsman that the people of Canada came to esteem him. He was a handsome outdoors man of the clean-cut British type, with the healthy tan of the open places on his face. He was a horseman, a canoeist, and one of the best game shots in the Dominion. Indeed horses had been his passion since his youth up, and he was one of the best gentleman riders in Britain.

On one occasion all Paris was agog over the race for the Grand Prix, one of the most notable racing events in Europe. It was won after a magnificent exhibition of daredevil horsemanship by a young Briton who was riding under an assumed name. After the event it leaked out that the successful rider was Lord Melgund, the future Governor of Canada and Viceroy of India.

He made several trips to the west during the term of his office at Ottawa and with an escort of Mount Police, took long journeys on horseback. He won golden opinions from everybody in the west. An old trooper of the R.N.W.M.P. tells the following story:

Lord Minto was camped at the Qu'Appelle lakes during the fall, I think of 1902, where he was waging war against the ducks. He was alone in his tent one night and the North West Mounted Policeman who was acting as sentinel was pacing backwards and forwards in front of the opening. All at once the tent flap opened and the Governor General came out.

He said to the sentry, "What are you doing here?"

The trooper came to the salute and told the duty for which he had been detailed.

"Pretty cold night to be walking around out here," said the Governor, "come inside."

When the sentry was in the tent, which was comfortable and well heated, Lord Minto produced a bottle of excellent Scotch whisky and with his own vice-regal hand poured out a good three fingers which he handed to the man.

"Now," he said, "there is a pile of robes in the corner, lie down and have a snooze." The trooper protested but the Governor was not to be denied.

It was actions such as these that endeared him to all the people with whom he came in contact in Western Canada.

His family is greatly esteemed in the Dominion and his son bids fair to rival his father in popularity.

DR. BRETT

A Second Term as Governor of Alberta

There is nothing that will give greater satisfaction to the people of Alberta—except perhaps, a few of those who thought they had claims to the office themselves—than the news of the appointment of Dr. Brett to succeed himself as Lieutenant-Governor of that province. He is a real old timer and has all the qualities which that name portrays. He has been in the country since the coming of the railroad, and has identified himself with its progress in a variety of useful ways.

He practiced his profession in Manitoba as early as 1880, and was one of the founders of the Manitoba Medical College, where he filled one of the lecturers' chairs. He was a surgeon with the C.P.R. during the construction through the mountain

passes. In 1886, attracted by the invigorating climate of Banff and the medicinal properties of the springs, he established the Banff Sanitarium, which for long was a Mecca to the sick and suffering. His kindness was proverbial and many an ailing person who had little or no money was treated free of cost by the doctor.

A number of years ago, when for his sins the writer was employed on the editorial staff of the Calgary Herald, he went to him to inspect a dejected looking specimen of humanity who told a sorry tale. He was as tall and as raw as a lath, his clothes were ragged; he was unshaven, and he gave off an odor of distress. His precise movements and erect bearing indicated that he had been a soldier.

He said that he was suffering from a blood disease contracted while on service in India. He had been rather roughly treated by the army surgeons and his trouble had become chronic. After his discharge he had used up most of his small savings in seeking medical advice, but without avail. At the last one doctor had told him that his only hope of a cure was in reaching Banff in Western Canada, and undergoing treatment there. He had just about enough money to pay for a steamer passage across the Atlantic. He had worked in Montreal long enough to earn enough to take him to Calgaray, but he was now at the end of his resources, and had not a nickel with which to bless himself.

During the course of this recital the writer chanced to look out of the window of the Herald office which at that time was situated on Eighth Avenue, next to the Bank of Montreal building, and he espied Dr. Brett in genial converse with a bunch of old timers who about that time of day usually made a progress in the direction of the bar of the Alberta Hotel. He hailed him and the doctor came over and listened to the story of the unfortunate sufferer. The upshot was that the man was taken to Banff that night by Dr. Brett, and he was given a long course of treatment without being charged a dollar for it.

It is gratifying to be able to relate that this man was eventually cured.

This incident is characteristic of Dr. Brett. He is everyone's friend. Indeed it is doubtful if he has an enemy in the whole wide Alberta country. He was for many years a member of the old Territorial Legislature and at one time was chairman of the executive committee, a position which corresponds to the modern one of Premier. His appointment to a second term is the most popular one that could be made.

Intimate Little Tales

SOME EXPERIENCES OF HUMAN INTEREST UNDER-GONE IN EVERY-DAY LIFE BY EVERY-DAY PEOPLE

A Farm That Was Haunted— The Spirit Which Brooded

An eerie spirit of mystery brooded over the broad acres of Timothy Barclay's farm, a spirit which used to hover coldly to the windows and to throb at the door in the dark highway. The whisper came from the breeze wafted by the trees in the thick wood on one side and from the grassy earth which looked up soberly at the other. John Barclay's cattle ran into hundreds: he had the most up-to-date improvements in the neighborhood, and was the wealthiest farmer in the district. A beautiful river ran right through his meadow land and all the conditions were ideal for prosperous farming.

But to Mary, the minister's wife, there was something tragic in the vastness of the great farm, and in the gloom of the capacious farm-house, they each had a subdued air as though carrying a heavy load and in Mrs. Barclay's eyes there was a look of suffering, not to say terror.

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"You do not look so very well, Mrs. Barclay," remarked Mary one day after divesting herself of her wraps and seating herself in one of the spotless kitchen chairs. Mary never stood on ceremony, even in the presence of her husband, and when he pleased she advanced only met with a most disinterested grunt from Mr. Barclay himself.

"I've been telling John that I must get away from this place," remarked the little woman, looking nervously over her shoulder, a habit which Mrs. Barclay was used to, but which she did not notice. "He says it is out of the question. I feel as though I shall go mad if I live near that dreadful river any more. Which ever way I turn I am lost. It is hard to live near such a river, and I have twisted my life around it, it is ghastly!"

"But, Mrs. Barclay, it is so beautiful, the view and this dear old house, with the broad lands all round it. I have often thought how many people would be happy in your place, although others tell you were not con-

tented."

"Contented, I am sure, none of the Barcleys will ever be contented until this land goes to its rightful owner," and she looked over her shoulder again, "only then will the spirit which broods over the land and the river rest in peace."

"My dear Mrs. Barclay, what do you mean?" exclaimed Mary. The tired, pale, nervous little woman to whom wealth had not

met, he jumped out of the window, and into the water, edge, disappearing under the ice. It was weeks before we recovered him. And, you know, he never recovered! On such days before those terrible things happened I lay listening to the wind, or to some thing which passed through the wind and I knew that was the end of me, who had come to see the fulfilment of her curse. I beg of John to leave the place, but he seems tied to it, and I know the won't let him go, that would be too easy a way of escape.

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And in a wooden kiosk, at that moment was being enacted "The Crystal Ballad" by the school children and leaders of the neighborhood, stood with her bat swinging in her hand and the sun glinting on her golden hair when suddenly she stood still, hands clasped close, eyes with earnest brown eyes and an adoring expression.

"You do love me, Crystal, don't you?" he said pleadingly, and as she turned towards him, he was no need of an audible whisper. He understood in the language which is known only to lovers.

"I am going to see your father this evening," exclaimed Wallace Ingram, "why should the family ancestor trouble us?" and his smiling mouth and chin set with a determination which boded ill for any opposition.

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But there was no need for a young couple to go to John Barclay. Driving home that evening from town, something had gone wrong with his guidance of his horses and the river had claimed his life as his own. Crystal was the heiress.

"Mother," she said, "the first thing for us to do is to sell all the dredged land, with its river, to the Ingmans, surely then the will be lifted."

"Thank God!" breathed the twirled woman, who had lived under the shadow for so long. Thank God Crystal, but just the same she did want to uplift you, especially without your father."

"You needn't uproot yourself, mother darling," said Crystal, "but a hot bluish lighting up her face, "because you see I shall be the last inheritance and my son will be your home, but Wallace's father will live here in the old home and we will start all over again in their little farmhouse, which is what I should love—this place is far too big for us."

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"At last rest and peace had come to Janet Barclay."

CURRENT INTEREST ITEMS

Causes of Unrest

Vivian Haldane speaking at Dudley said the present unrest was great drawback to the nation, and if it were to continue and interfere with production we should cease to be great. There were still some who believed there could be such understandings until there were fuller knowledge. Unrest was largely the outcome of want of knowledge. He had no fears for Britain in Britain he said, but did not think the country would have a revolution. Knowledge was one of the most potent solutions of the problems of today. Not one child in ten who reached the age of twenty-one had any higher education under our present system, and the result was an untrained mind. He hoped to see the universities train teachers to go and teach the working classes in the evenings. By that means the universities would come to the workers.

A South London Veteran

Not many men can boast of such a continual record of agricultural achievement as that of Mr. Newman Hall, Dr. Len Broughton, and Dr. F. B. Morris. Broughton recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday and Christ Church has been busy doing honor to this aged and very worker. On his birthday Mr. Broughton gave a talk to the children, and the next day a birthday tea was held in Hawkstone Hall. Tributes were paid to this long and splendid service and a cheque was presented to him.

Fruit and Dental Dangers

Regulate your diet and brush your gums thoroughly and daily to meet you against the two great dental diseases, pyorrhea and dental decay," said Sir Harry Baldwin, the well known dental surgeon, of London. Our teeth, he added, should be kept as hard food where possible, such as toast instead of bread, so that the teeth are kept thoroughly functional. We should eat apples, banana, or celery for the sake of the cleansing of the teeth. Tea was a dangerous meal for the teeth, tea and bread bad for the glands; the secretion of the glands, he concluded, could be neutralized by finishing the meal with fruit.

CURRENT COMMENT

ON MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO DWELLERS IN THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES OF CANADA

A SERIES OF ARTICLES DEALING WITH VARIOUS WESTERN QUESTIONS

THE WESTERN PROVINCES AND THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES

Of late years we in the west have heard a great deal of talk about the way in which the two provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan have been deprived by the Federal Government of control of their natural resources but much of the discussion has been in the nature of rambling talk. Outside of a few of the political leaders very few of the members of the general public of the country have a real understanding of the situation. The matter has been made a political football which has been tossed about by both of the political parties. A few facts in respect to the situation may, therefore, be illuminating.

Away back in the last years of the last century when it became obvious that if the prairie country was to fulfil its destiny provincial status would have to be attained, Sir Frederick Haultain who was then Premier of the North West Territories, on various occasions in the legislature, outlined the terms that he believed might suffice as a basis for the negotiations between the representatives of the Territories and the Dominion Government. He laid great stress at that time on the control of natural resources. Indeed he planned which he outlined intentions of any thing else. Basing his argument on the rights of the provinces to their lands and all that went with them, he made a claim that the Federal authorities were entitled to a refund to the future province or provinces the value of the lands alienated for the bonusing the Canadian Pacific Railway which was essentially a national undertaking. He admitted that the province or provinces to be carved out of the North West Territories were entitled to pay their proportion of the burden, but it was manifestly unfair that the prairie country should in this respect have to assume the obligations of the eastern provinces and British Columbia. When Hon. Walter Scott first went to Ottawa as a Federal member he supported the attitude of the Territorial administration.

Early in 1905 Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that a compromise had been reached in respect to the financial terms upon which Alberta and Saskatchewan were to enter confederation as provinces. There was to be an annual subsidy of \$50,000 towards the cost of government; a per capita grant on the same basis as the western provinces received a grant based on a pro rata share of the public debt contracted before the admission of these provinces to the scheme of confederation. Sir Wilfrid also stated that as the lands in the new provinces were to remain the property of the people of Canada as represented by the Federal Government there should be paid to the two new provinces annually by way of compensation, a sum based upon the estimated value of these lands of thirty seven million, five hundred thousand dollars.

This proposition was contested on the floor of the House by the Conservative opposition. Sir Robert Borden declared that the proposal was contrary to the letter and spirit of confederation. He said that he believed the people of the north west were entitled to the control of their public domain in the same manner as were the people of the eastern provinces.

Mr. Haultain, who had been the Premier of the north west thought the bargain was a poor one for the western provinces from a financial point of view.

Hon. Walter Scott, however, was in favor of it and he was called upon by the Lieutenant Governor to form the first Government of the new province of Saskatchewan. He was opposed by Mr. Haultain, but the Scott Government was successful in the polls. An eastern paper, commenting upon the situation, has the following to say:

This, of course, is an entirely eastern viewpoint, and may not command itself to the inhabitants of the west who are, after all, the people most vitally interested. In the past there has been too much politics injected into the situation, but there are indications that the Federal provincial authorities are using an earnest endeavor to deal with this question on its merits and to make a real endeavor to remove it from the political realm. It is a very large question and one that requires careful and earnest consideration.

out twice a day, and you will probably find yourself against the two great dental diseases, pyorrhea and dental decay," said Sir Harry Baldwin, the well known dental surgeon, of London. See what you can do to help in getting some of the people of the west to think, but do not let your life, like Hulbert's, become "sickled o'er with the pale cast of thought." There have always been in the world, and are now, in the many "questions old and dast," over which thinkers have exercised their minds in vain ever since they have been thinkers in the world. Life calls for action, and action must get up, largely by sound, healthy instinct. That is how humanity makes real progress.

THOUGHT AND ACTION

It is important that each one of us should reason about things and think things out. The average person thinks too little. But there is such a thing as thinking which. Some people reason about things carried on, so that it leads to indecision against certain instincts which have deeper and truer foundations than reason. Reasoning may be a splendid tool, but there is work for which it is not suited. Shakespeare shows us the irresolute Hamlet bemoaning over the question, "Is life worth living?"

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Local and Personal

A. T. Connolly was in Calgary over the week end.

The weather has been unusually warm and the snow is fast disappearing.

Gordon Walker successfully underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hospital this week.

The junior hockey team won from Gleichen 4-1 on Tuesday night. Last Saturday they lost their first game in Gleichen 1-0.

Charles Gardner, the Jenner man who was terribly burned when a coal oil can exploded, died in the local hospital on Tuesday. He was lighting a fire with the coal oil when the accident happened.

The Calgary Senators succeeded in beating Bassano 4-3 in a fast game on Wednesday night. The visitors had more stamina than Bassano for the locals were 3 goals ahead at one time. The game was witnessed by a good crowd who thoroughly enjoyed the sport.

The Voyagers Club will hold a sale of cake and candy and afternoon tea at the Presbyterian church on February 13, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Langton and family of Gleichen, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Nesbitt last week.

B. G. Cooper, of the staff of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, left for Calgary on Saturday, where he has been transferred by the bank.

In order that the electric pump at the town pumping station may be run at full capacity, the pumping is now being done in the morning and the power remains on until noon.

F. B. Hartney, representative of the Delco Light for Southern Alberta, was in town last week.

Corporal Wright has received instructions to strictly enforce the Motor Vehicles Act in connection with the carrying of IBM plates on each car. These plates are obtainable at the local court house and it will save trouble all around if motorists procure their plates early.

The provincial government has decided to give all the fines collected from liquor cases to the cities in which the infractions of the act occur. Apparently this does not mean that towns of Alberta get the same privileges.

The moccasin dance held on the skating rink last Friday night was a novelty. A considerable number took advantage of the occasion to dance on the ice to the music of the band, and were quite pleased with the music and smoothness of the ice. Another dance such as this will be overwhelmingly popular.

On Saturday evening the local school board attended the trustees convention in Calgary last week. Ho introduced resolutions supporting medical inspection in schools and also more satisfactory arrangements for poor children into a district for educational and social purposes. The meeting was well attended and was featured by addresses by Hon. G. P. Smith, minister of education, and Mr. Newlands, head of the Alberta Teachers' Alliance. The differences between the two were thrashed out and the convention favored the stand taken by Mr. Smith.

"Male and Female," the Lasky super-picture shown at the Gem on Monday and Tuesday nights, lived up to its advance notices in every way. It is a stupendous picture, built up on the foibles of human nature and portrayed with a realism and wealth of scenic grandeur that only modern makers of motion pictures can achieve. The story told how the humble butler in an English nobleman's family became virtual king when the party was wrecked on a lonely island in the south seas. The return to civilization reversed positions again and the butler returned to his servant's habits. It was the wonder of the various scenes that attracted the attention of all; for every phase of the story, from the fine home of the English noble to the beauty of the south sea isle was portrayed with faithfulness. The wreck of the steamer was tremendously realistic, and also the scenes at the Babylonian court. Such pictures are well worth the while of anyone seeing.

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